GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ROLE OF NRIS
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU;M. JAGANNATH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to build a data bank of NRIs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to utilise the services of influential NRIs in the furtherance of India`s foreign policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Planning for undertaking this work has commenced.

(c) & (d) The Government regards the Non-Resident Indians as a significant factor in India`s external relations with a number of countries. They are an important asset in presenting India in a proper perspective to the opinion-builders and decision-makers in the countries of their residence.